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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
1-303074	Japan	December 6, 1989
3-22870	Japan	January 31, 1991

REMARKS

The JP '074 and JP '870 references are cited at page 2 of the specification, and are believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese documents are not present available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided

if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for each of the JP '074 and JP '870 references obtained from a commercial database also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

U.S. Patent No. 5,165,047 is listed as being in the same patent family as the JP '074 reference.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/456,290	December 8, 1999	2834
09/506,940	February 18, 2000	2839
09/717,335	November 22, 2000	2834
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A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

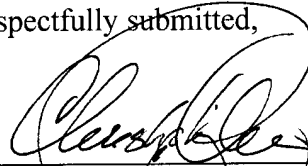
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

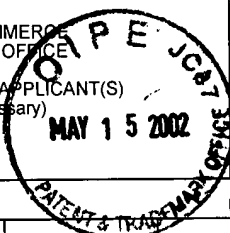
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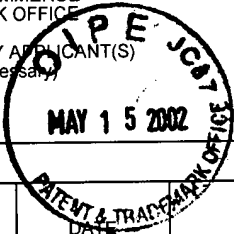
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